



Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Melanie Vine, Headteacher

On Friday the bells rang out at St Andrew's Church as the children left school with the poppies they had made. We would like to thank everyone for taking their poppy into the church for the display. The church looked amazing!

### War Poem

We will remember those who were left in fear  
Who we called soldiers who were ever so dear, to fight for their country the friend and  
the foe  
And some of them we will never know  
The family left behind were ever so kind  
And supportive of those who we could never find  
Lots of foe not enough friends who had their life to lend to the friend  
Poppies upon poppies, graves upon graves of those to remember 11<sup>th</sup> November  
They lived for us they died for us and they fought for us  
Every single day for four years and we shall remember them!



### WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

by Olivia, Honey Nyah and Sophie



**Florence Hart** - for progress in the presentation of her maths work. **Eden Birkin** – designing a great game called 'Sticky Conkers'. **Matilda Dann**-a wonderful model of a volcano made entirely on her own. **Amelia Sleap** –fantastic subtraction! **Hallie Theedom** –a delicious Rubic cube cake. **Rowan Handley** – amazing progress in writing.



### Attendance champions

Congratulations to Monkeys whose attendance was **100%** for the week commencing 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> November 2018.



### Year 1 visit to Hollytrees

A huge thank you to everyone who helped on the school trip. We would not be able to arrange the off-site visits for the children without your support.

### Lost Property

We have accumulated a large amount of lost property. Please check to see if any of these items belong to your child/ren. Thank you.



To find out about Friends of Earls Colne Primary School and Nursery, take a look on Facebook. Leave us a message if you are able to help. We are very welcoming and would love to meet you. Look for 'Parents and Friends of Earls Colne Primary School'



Helpers are needed for the Christmas Fayre on 7<sup>th</sup> December. If you could spare some time to help we are having hourly shifts 3:00pm-4:00pm, 4:00pm -5:00pm and 5:00pm-6:00pm.

Please email [candace@boulton.uk.net](mailto:candace@boulton.uk.net) or leave your details with the school office.



### Medication in School

If children require medication to be administered during the school day this must be handed into the school reception and a medication

administration form completed and signed by the parent/carer. If your child requires prescribed medication during the school day, please ask the G.P. to time the doses so that the medication can be taken before or after school, where possible. Antibiotics prescribed three times a day can be administered before school, after school and before bedtime. It is also advisable to keep your child at home for 24 hours following prescribed antibiotics.

### Head Lice

Please could we remind all parents to check their children's hair regularly, by thoroughly combing through the damp hair from the roots with a fine toothed comb, or a head lice detector comb (available from the local chemist) over a pale sheet of paper or a towel. If your child has long hair, please ensure this is always tied back for school. If live lice are found, please treat before sending your child back to school.

### Threadworm

There have been some cases of threadworm in school. Please speak to your child/children about handwashing after going to the toilet and before meals. Should you notice any signs of infection your Pharmacist will be able to advise on treatment.

### Leave of Absence

Government legislation only permits schools to agree leave of absence during term time in 'exceptional circumstances'. We appreciate that the cost of holidays during term time is much lower, but we are not able to approve leave of absence for this reason.

### School Admissions – Apply Online

Parents of children born during the period 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014 to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2015 can apply for a primary school places between 12<sup>th</sup> November 2018 and 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

[www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions)

### Reminder

All children should be in class by 8.50am  
After 8.50am parents **must** sign their child in at Reception.

### Key dates – Autumn 2018

#### November

 16 <sup>th</sup>	Wear something spotty – Children in Need (not a non-uniform day)
19 <sup>th</sup> -21 <sup>st</sup>	Open week

#### December

4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 nativity – 2.00pm
6 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS nativity
7 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Fayre
11 <sup>th</sup>	Flu immunisations
12 <sup>th</sup>	Reception 2019 online applications open
14 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas jumper day
	Christmas dinner
20 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Christmas break

#### January 2019

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Non-pupil day
4 <sup>th</sup>	Non-pupil day
7 <sup>th</sup>	Return to school



We have an amazing team of parent volunteers supporting the school raising funds through organized activities, for the benefit of all our children.

The parents at the heart of Friends are:

Mrs Boulton - Chair  
Mrs Kerry Inkley – Vice Chair  
Mrs Whymark – Secretary  
Mrs Emerson – Treasurer

We are currently seeking a new Treasurer as Mrs Emerson will unfortunately be stepping down. Please contact the school office, if you think you could take over this role, or if you would like more information.




**Halstead COMMUNITY CHOIR**  
**Christmas Concert**

50% of proceeds to  Essex & Herts Air Ambulance

Saturday, 8th December at 7:30pm  
 The Ramsey Academy, Halstead  
 Tickets: £5 / £3 (under 14s)  
 Buy online: [www.halsteadcommunitychoir.org.uk](http://www.halsteadcommunitychoir.org.uk)  
 Ticket includes mulled wine and a mince pie  
 Registered charity number 1177778



# Be Part of The Christmas Magic.

## #ProjectChristmas

Last December, together we distributed 200+ gifts to less fortunate local children. In 2018, we are asking you to help us to do it again.

**Teddies, games, clothes and toiletries are just some of the items we are accepting.**

Please note, that your generous gifts must be brand new and will be wrapped and distributed by Emmaus Colchester working together in partnership with Colchester Food Bank.

If you would like to support the Emmaus appeal, please send donations into school and place them in the box in the entrance area near Mrs Jones **by Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November** so that we can deliver them to Emmaus before the start of December. It is important that items are unwrapped and brand new. Suggested donations for children aged 0-16 include, colouring books and stationary, toiletry bags/sets, books, sweets, toys, games (lego, board games etc), craft kits, small bag/purse, hat/scarf/mittens and hair bows or clips



## Street awareness and self defence course for kids

### SELF DEFENCE CLASSES

Worried about your kids walking home on their own?

I'm running a 6 week course teaching street awareness and basic self defence.

Free taster session on Wednesday 5th December 3:45-4:30pm @ Earls Colne village hall, book booking to start from January. £40 for 6 weeks parents welcome to watch, for ages 10 years and over.  
[greyfoxsurvival16@gmail.com](mailto:greyfoxsurvival16@gmail.com)  
 Mob: 07714487722



With Christopher Strange Ex military with 22 yrs experience, black belt in kuk sool Won martial arts.

A Big **THANK YOU**



**Earls Colne Primary School & Nursery**  
 for supporting Braintree Area Foodbank  
 Your donation of **268.95 kg** will make a difference to local people in crisis.  
 Your donation will provide **26 people** with meals who are in food poverty.



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